MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us now prepare our hearts to worship God.

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION
O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross (Orgelbüchlein)  J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
O man, lament your great sin

CALL TO WORSHIP
I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 45
I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes
(Text and Tune are printed on page 6)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*SACRED RESPONSE
Lord, Jesus Think on Me

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Text: Symmachus of Cyrene, 5th century; trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1876, alt.
As found at Hymn No. 417, Glory to God hymnal
The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.

We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

As found at Hymn No. 441, Glory to God hymnal.

*PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 69:14b, 19-21
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Saw Ye My Savior?

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Saw ye my Savior and God?
O he died on Calvary to atone for you and me,
And to free us from sorrow’s great load.

He was extended, painfully nailed to the cross;
Then he bowed his head and died, thus my Lord was crucified,
To atone for a world that was lost.

Jesus hung bleeding, three dreadful hours in great pain,
Whilst the sun refused to shine when his majesty divine
Was derided, insulted, and slain.
Saw ye my Savior and God?
O he died on Calvary to atone for you and me,
And to free us from sorrow’s great load.

**Gospel Reading:** John 19:28-29
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon:** The Fifth Word: Jesus Understands Physical Pain

**Responding to the Word**

*Hymn of Response – No. 793*
O Christ, the Healer

(Text and Tune are printed on page 7)

*Affirmation of Faith* - from A Declaration of Faith

Jesus was what we are.
He grew up in a family and a society
troubled by the common problems of the world.
His knowledge was limited
by his time and place in history.
He felt deeply the joy of friendship
and the hurt of being rejected.
Jesus prayed,
struggled with temptation,
knew anger,
and was subject to suffering and death.
He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be.
He served his Father with complete trust
and unwavering obedience.
He loved all kinds of people
and accepted their love.

In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him
from loving God with his whole being
and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.
He demonstrates the new humanity
God promises to give us through him.

**Moment for Mission:** Diaper Ministry

**Prayers of the People**
LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ACTS OF GIVING AND RECEIVING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY
Blessed Lamb, on Calvary’s Mountain
Nan Wooten, alto

Blessed Lamb, on Calvary’s mountain slain to take our sins away;
let the drops of that rich fountain our tremendous ransom pay.
Loving Savior, loving Savior, lowly at thy feet we pray.

Blessed Lamb, vouchsafe us pardon, in thy love our souls confide;
by thy groans within the garden, by the death which thou hast died.
Let thy Passion, let thy Passion evermore with us abide.

So shall peace, sweet peace be given, purchase of thy precious pain;
so shall earth but lead to heaven, since for us the Lamb was slain.
Great Redeemer, great Redeemer, may we ever praise thy name.

-Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God a-bove, ye heav’n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 215
What Wondrous Love Is This
WONDROUS LOVE

(Text and Tune are printed on page 8)

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I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes
(Psalm 121)

1 I to the hills will lift my eyes; from
whence shall come my aid? My help is from the
Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.

2 God will not let your foot be moved; your
guardian never sleeps; God's watchful and un-
slumbering care protects and safely keeps,
day or night, you shall not be afraid.

3 Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your
shelter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by
coming in, God will forever lead.

4 From evil God will keep you safe, pro-
vide for all you need. Your going out, your

Although the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 121 draws heavily on 17th-century Scottish psalters, most of this version dates from the early 20th century. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned for use with a specific psalm.

TEXT: The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909, alt.
MUSIC: Scottish Psalter, 1615
DUNDEE
CM
(alternate harmonization, 30)
O Christ, the Healer

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for
2 From every ailment flesh endures our bodies
3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our
4 In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize
5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com-

health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we
knowledge of our selves! Release in us those
nize the world's disease; our common life de-
munity may find the wholeness that, en-

be restored when reached by love that never ends?
would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.
healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves,
clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
riching us, shall reach the whole of human kind.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit considers not only the infirmities of individuals but also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshiping communities are called to continue Christ's healing work in the world.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1967, alt.
MUSIC: Kluge's Geistliche Lieder, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725
Text © 1969 Hope Publishing Company

ERHALT UNS, HERR
LM
What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul! soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing: to on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; and

4. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza’s central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to “wondrous love” is to “sing on.”
A Warm And Cordial Welcome is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith.

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Live Telephone Worship
To listen to the worship service, simply call 888-969-5508 at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. You will also be given an option of receiving a weekly call prior to each worship service.

Please help us and pass this information along to any church member or community member who would benefit from this opportunity.

Live Video Streaming Service: Boxcast will not only stream to our website at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, but also to our Facebook page. The service will be available to view on our website and on the FPC Facebook page.

Church Office Closed: Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Church Office remains closed. The staff will be working in the office from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday and from home the remainder of the day. Please contact all staff by phone or email only.

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Pastoral Care Information
If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may call the minister on call: 3/19-3/21 Carrie Tuttle (336-708-0451).

"You Asked for It!" - Summer Worship Series
On several occasions the pastors have asked you for topics or questions you would like for us to preach on during the summer months. Well, this summer we are asking for your help, however in a little different way. We want you to put on your creative and imaginative hat and suggest to us a sermon title. We don’t necessarily want you to direct us to the topic (unless it is obvious) or the text we will use. That will be at the preacher’s discretion. This series will be entitled "You Asked for It" and you will get what you asked for. However, it will also involve the preacher’s twist. Please send your suggested sermon title to Kathleen Seagroves (kseagroves@fpcburlington.org) by Sunday, March 28.

Enrichment Class Meets via Zoom
Join the Enrichment Class and Jane Wellford for a study of Lent in Plain Sight by Jill J. Duffield. The class will meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom on March 24. We will end this Lenten study the week before Holy Week begins. Contact Karen Carrouth (kcarrouth@bellsouth.net) to receive the Zoom link for the class.

Mid-week Bible Study
Mid-week Class starting March 31 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
Searching for the Word: Interpreting Difficult Biblical Texts led by Ed Moore
Vexing Texts: We’ve all seen excerpts from scripture mustered to the cultural cause of the moment, sometimes in ways that strain historical context and ignore ancient norms. In this four part series, we’ll review the basics of responsible exegesis and explore ways in which nettlesome texts may be responsibly interpreted in the contemporary church. RSVP to participate in this class by contacting reception@fpcburlington.org

Save the Date: American Red Cross Memorial Blood Drive
March 30, 2021 in Calvin Hall
Please save the date! The American Red Cross is planning to hold the First Presbyterian Church Burlington Blood Drive on March 30, 2021, from 2:00-6:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall. (Please note the change in the time.) The bloodmobile is being held in memory of Harold and Barbara Lloyd, former members of First Presbyterian. When available you may schedule an appointment online at redcross.org and use the sponsor code FPC. If you need assistance or information you may contact Lucy Kernodle, site coordinator, at lkernodle@bellsouth.net. The site, redcrossblood.org also gives guidelines about who may donate and what to expect as a blood donor. Help maintain the blood supply and Give Now!

Easter Sunday Outdoor Worship will take place on the front lawn at both 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required. Please click the following link for instructions and to sign up https://files.constantcontact.com/12c2bc11101/eda1044c-b0e4-4359-a4f3-743434aee3f5.pdf.

Mission and Outreach
Local Mission Opportunity During the COVID 19 Crisis
Feed the Hungry Food Collection - Our church can still reach out to help those in need by donating food. Collection boxes are located outside the church entrance adjacent to the main parking lot and all you have to do is drive by and drop off your food donation. Thanks for doing whatever you can!

Habitat for Humanity Unity Build
Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County is our mission focus for our March Giving Calendar. There are many ways to volunteer to help with the planning and participation of the 2021-2022 Unity Build. Contact Bill Rodgers (bjcovecottage@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. Contact Charlotte Nance-Allbright (callbright@fpcburlington.org) or see the church website for more information.
The Seven Last Words:
The Understanding Christ

During Lent this year, our worship services will be focusing on “The Seven Last Words” that Jesus spoke from the cross. No one Gospel portrays all seven last words, but they are compiled from a combination of reports made by all four of the Gospel writers.

Last words are often the most poignant and significant words that one speaks before crossing in spirit from this side to the next. The same seems to be true of Jesus. During this series, your staff is urging you to read The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. It was written by Jon Meacham, a Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer and former Episcopal vestry member in the St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and of Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City.

If you are really ambitious, then pick up James Martin’s Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus. Martin is a Jesuit priest and author of the book, Jesus: A Pilgrimage, that I urge all pilgrims to Jordan and Israel to read. He is intelligent, well studied, and a gifted writer. The following description of each word and the above title come from his book.

March 28 – Palm Sunday – The Words from the Cross – Members of the Chancel Choir


**Sunday, March 21**
10:00 a.m. Worship Service — Live Streaming
11:30 a.m. PreK through 5th grade gathering at the church on the back patio for Lenten Series
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Meets — Calvin Hall and Zoom
4:30 p.m. Diaconate Zoom Meeting
5:00 p.m. Middle School and High School Youth Group Meets
7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting via Zoom

**Monday, March 22**
2:00 p.m. Furniture Ministry Zoom Meeting
8:15 p.m. UKIRK Meets via Zoom

**Tuesday, March 23**
9:00 a.m. Andrews Food Packing — Calvin Hall
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

**Wednesday, March 24**
9:00 a.m. Andrews Snack Packing — Witherspoon Room
1:00 p.m. Education Team Zoom Meeting
5:30 p.m. Re-Entry Zoom Meeting
7:00 p.m. Enrichment Class Meets via Zoom

**Thursday, March 25**
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

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Easter Lilies

Easter lilies will be present for worship in the sanctuary and will beautify the sanctuary chancel for Live Streaming and Facebook Live worship on Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021). To order a lily as a memorial or honorary flowers ($27 each) please print the order form below, complete it, and mail it to the church with your check (make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark "Easter Lilies"). Or you can scan your completed form and email it to Kathleen Seagroves. Please contact the church (336-228-1703) if you have questions.

The deadline to order is Monday, March 22.

Also, please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Church Office is closed. The staff will be working from home or at the church as needed. We will be very happy to answer your questions via phone or email.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM:

In Memory of ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Donor _______________________________________________

In Honor of _______________________________________________________________________________________________

Donor _______________________________________________

Total enclosed: $ _____________